Irregularities in use of Staff Cars in IWAI

2516. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per G.I.M.F.O.M. number F.3(16)I.II(A)/84-(i) dated the 20th February, 1985 the use of staff car for journeys between office and residence is permissible to high ranking officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above instruction which is binding in the IWAI organisation is not at all followed in Patna Region of the IWAI *resulting in considerable expenditure* and drain on the use of petrol; and

(c) if so, the action taken to stop this irregularity with immediate effect?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The IWAI has been asked to collect all particulars of the use of staff cars at their office at Patna including its use for non-official journeys if any, performed by the officers/staff in that office and to take suitable action in accordance with the staff car rules and instructions of the Government on the subject.

Pakistan's active involvement in Punjab and Kashmir

2517 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at a recent Foreign Secretary level discussions between India and Pakistan, the Pakistan's active involvement in Punjab and Kashmir was conveyed to that country;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Pakistan to the charge;

(c) whether some concrete decisions have been taken; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) On several occasions, including during the recent meetings of the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan, detailed evidence of Pakistan's involvement with terrorism in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir has been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan.

(b) Contrary to facts, the Government of Pakistan claims that it is not supporting or assisting terrorist activities in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) and(d) India has proposed to Pakistan several concrete steps such as joint border patrolling, handing over of fugitives from laws, seizure of infiltrators and weapons, clear public dissociation from terrorism, etc. to indicate Pakistan's sincerity regarding withdrawal of assistance to terrorism directed against India. Discussions on these and other Confidence Bulding Measures will continue at the third round of talks between the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries scheduled for late September, 1990.

Presentation of the credentials by Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka

2518. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian High Commissioner Designate was not allowed to present his credentials by the Sri Lankan Government when he reached Colombo on July 23, 1990 nor was he given any other date for the purpose;

(b) whether the High Commissioner Designate had to return back to India;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the luggage of this Indian envoy was